

Tiffin, Iowa, and a sophomore human physiology major at the University of Iowa, to fill the student seat on the State Board of Regents.

The Board of Regents, which governs five public educational institutions across Iowa, first established a student regent position in 1973 to give students a say in decisionmaking. Since then, five University of Iowa students have served in this position.

On April 28, Abby was unanimously confirmed to serve on the board, six years since the last Hawkeye student filled the seat.

The student regent seat is incredibly important, and I have tremendous faith that Abby will be an excellent representative for the university and for her fellow students.

CONDEMNING THE ACTS OF TERROR AGAINST THE STATE OF ISRAEL

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, our Nation must be united in our condemnation of the acts of terror and stand in support of the State of Israel, our ally and strategic partner, the beacon of light in the Middle East.

Hamas is a terrorist organization with the sole purpose of destroying Israel. Since last Monday, more than 3,000 rockets have been fired from Gaza into Israel.

One of my daughter's close friends attended school in Israel. She has been awakened to rockets being fired over her head, and she has spent days on high alert, ready to run for shelter at any given moment.

No country would tolerate thousands of rocket attacks against major cities and population centers. Israel has the obligation and duty to defend its citizens against the violent attacks from Hamas.

Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East. President Trump was the President of peace. His agenda was right, and the United States should stand strong as a friend to Israel.

My family and I will continue to pray for the peace and safety of the people of Israel as they combat terrorism.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 18, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following mes-

sage from the Secretary of the Senate on May 18, 2021, at 9:50 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 941.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2021

Mr. MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1157) to provide for certain authorities of the Department of State, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1157

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Department of State Authorization Act of 2021”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definitions.

Sec. 3. Determination of budgetary effects.

TITLE I—ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sec. 1001. Diplomatic Programs.

Sec. 1002. Sense of Congress on importance of Department of State's work.

Sec. 1003. Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Sec. 1004. Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs.

Sec. 1005. Bureau of Consular Affairs; Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration.

Sec. 1006. Office of International Disability Rights.

Sec. 1007. Anti-piracy information sharing.

Sec. 1008. Importance of foreign affairs training to national security.

Sec. 1009. Classification and assignment of Foreign Service officers.

Sec. 1010. Energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State.

Sec. 1011. National Museum of American Diplomacy.

Sec. 1012. Extension of period for reimbursement of fishermen for costs incurred from the illegal seizure and detention of U.S.-flag fishing vessels by foreign governments.

Sec. 1013. Art in embassies.

Sec. 1014. Amendment or repeal of reporting requirements.

Sec. 1015. Reporting on implementation of GAO recommendations.

Sec. 1016. Office of Global Criminal Justice.

TITLE II—EMBASSY CONSTRUCTION

Sec. 1201. Embassy security, construction, and maintenance.

Sec. 1202. Standard design in capital construction.

Sec. 1203. Capital construction transparency.

Sec. 1204. Contractor performance information.

Sec. 1205. Growth projections for new embassies and consulates.

Sec. 1206. Long-range planning process.

Sec. 1207. Value engineering and risk assessment.

Sec. 1208. Business volume.

Sec. 1209. Embassy security requests and deficiencies.

Sec. 1210. Overseas security briefings.

Sec. 1211. Contracting methods in capital construction.

Sec. 1212. Competition in embassy construction.

Sec. 1213. Statement of policy.

Sec. 1214. Definitions.

TITLE III—PERSONNEL ISSUES

Sec. 1301. Defense Base Act insurance waivers.

Sec. 1302. Study on Foreign Service allowances.

Sec. 1303. Science and technology fellowships.

Sec. 1304. Travel for separated families.

Sec. 1305. Home leave travel for separated families.

Sec. 1306. Sense of Congress regarding certain fellowship programs.

Sec. 1307. Technical correction.

Sec. 1308. Foreign Service awards.

Sec. 1309. Workforce actions.

Sec. 1310. Sense of Congress regarding veterans employment at the Department of State.

Sec. 1311. Employee assignment restrictions and preclusions.

Sec. 1312. Recall and reemployment of career members.

Sec. 1313. Strategic staffing plan for the Department of State.

Sec. 1314. Consulting services.

Sec. 1315. Incentives for critical posts.

Sec. 1316. Extension of authority for certain accountability review boards.

Sec. 1317. Foreign Service suspension without pay.

Sec. 1318. Foreign Affairs Manual and Foreign Affairs Handbook changes.

Sec. 1319. Waiver authority for individual occupational requirements of certain positions.

Sec. 1320. Appointment of employees to the Global Engagement Center.

Sec. 1321. Rest and recuperation and overseas operations leave for Federal employees.

Sec. 1322. Emergency medical services authority.

Sec. 1323. Department of State Student Internship Program.

Sec. 1324. Competitive status for certain employees hired by Inspectors General to support the lead IG mission.

Sec. 1325. Cooperation with Office of the Inspector General.

Sec. 1326. Information on educational opportunities for children with special educational needs consistent with the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act.

Sec. 1327. Implementation of gap memorandum in selection board process.

TITLE IV—A DIVERSE WORKFORCE: RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND PROMOTION

Sec. 1401. Definitions.

Sec. 1402. Collection, analysis, and dissemination of workforce data.

Sec. 1403. Exit interviews for workforce.